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THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

CHRISTMAS HOP OF THE SOCIAL CLUB.

The First of the Series a Brilliant Success—The Waltz the Favorite Step With Our Society People.

The Social Club's Christmas hop was a brilliant success. The attendance was large and the dancing floor was crowded with handsome ladies whose beauty was enhanced by their charming and becoming costumes. It was a pretty scene—the misses just entering upon the pleasures of the social world sharing with their elder sisters the admiring attention of the gallant youths, and flitting like the butterflies, lured by Terpsichore to revel in the joys of the dance.

The music was bewitching and entrancing, and even the staid matron and the more than staid married man joined the suite of the God of Dancing and cast aside for the nonce dull care.

The visitors pronounced it one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given by the club, and its members richly deserved the compliment, as nothing had been left undone that could tend to the comfort and pleasure of their guests.

The floor was ably managed by Mr. F. B. Watkins, of Odessa, and Mr. J. C. Kelly, who represented the Middletown contingent.

There were about 50 couples dancing and a large number present who did not dance.

The waltz prevailed on the dance card, and conclusively points to the fact that the square dances are becoming less popular each season.

There were so many handsome ladies present that to name the belle of the ball would be to undertake a great task. Yet there was one who impressed the TRANSCRIPT man with her lovely complexion, exquisite grace and modest demeanor. She was fair of face and form, with a wealth of chestnut ringlets; brown eyes that snapped with a roguish twinkle, and whose laughter was like a ray of sunshine in a bachelor's life. She was neither tall nor was she short in stature, yet with all was of commanding mien. And her name was—well, we'll let you guess.

Among those present whre Miss Mabel Parvis, attired in white silk and chiffon; Miss Mary Cochran, amber silk, white chiffon; Miss Edith Reynolds, pink silk; Miss Edna Frazier, white swiss, blue ribbon; Miss Bessie Reynolds, white and yellow costume; Miss May Holten, lavender costume; Miss Helen Nawtin, yellow silk; Miss Agnes Lockwood, yellow silk and lace; Miss Blanche Cochran, blue chiffon; Miss Ethel Parvis, white silk; Miss Jodie Biggs, pink silk; Mrs. A. M. Brown, red silk; Miss Della Clayton, pink satin and white lace; Miss Du Shane, pink mull; Mrs. Herman Massey, White silk and cream roses; Mrs. Alex Wilson, black silk; Miss Emma Wilson, white chiffon; Miss Viola Ennis, yellow silk, white roses; Miss Mary Ellison, blue silk and chiffon; Carrie Brady, yellow silk; Miss Turner, Wilmington, white silk and chiffon; Mrs J. B. Maxwell, white and yellow; Bert Lambson, blue silk; Miss Nellie Cochran, white satin; Miss Lizzie Cochran, black lace; Mrs. Cuthbert Green, blue and white lace; Mrs. F. B. Watkins, black lace; Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., blue silk; Miss May Clayton, white silk and garnet velvet; Mrs. N. J. Williams, yellow silk; Miss Fannie Derrickson, white silk; Mrs. Jacob Cochran, black net over gray silk; Mrs. Frank Pennington, white silk; Miss Alice Hardcastle, white silk; Miss Ada Foard, Brown cashmere, blue silk trimming; Miss Ada Cochran, brown henrietta and velvet; Miss Lucy Cochran, steel crepon; Miss Annie Causey, yellow silk; Miss Allie Clark, Delaware City, figured china silk; Misss Jennie Clark, Delaware City, black net.

Among the gentlemen from out of town were W. C. Drien, Wm. Scott, Scott Townsend, George Knowles, Mr. Bucke, Wilmington; C. S. Clark, S. D. Townsend, Harry Hall, Delaware City; T. C. Conery, Chesapeake City; S. H. Clark, Eddystone, Pa.; Mercer Bailly, Philadelphia; Messrs. Fred Brady, J. P. Cochran, Jr., John Clark Kelley, W. R. Reynolds, Cuthbert Green, Jacob B. Maxwell, Clarence Clayton, T. C. Frame Jr., W. B. Biggs, Wm. G. Lockwood, A. M. Brown, Will F. Metten, J. M. Rothwell, Wilson Cochran, S. M. Lockwood, Douglass Cochran, A. M. Chamberlaine, N. J. Williams, E. R. Cochran, Jr., Alexander Comegys, of town; Warren Way, West Chester; William H. Brady, Swathmore; John Constable, Elkton; Dr. Hardcastle, Cecilton; W. C. Warren, Davis Brown, Edward Beck, Smyrna; Robert H. Davis, Milford; Howard Pool, Frank Pool, McDonough; Robert Comegys, Samuel Rothwell, Phila.; Dr. W. F. Kennedy, Wilmington.

Public Sales.

Isaac Gibbs will sell his stock and farming implements on the Boyer farm, near Sassafras, Md., on Tuesday, January 31.—Abram Hayden, auctioner.

R. L. Price will sell his entire stock and farm implements at his residence, near Warwick, on Tuesday, February 7.—Abram Hayden, auctioneer.

J. P. Collins will sell stock, farm implements and personal property on Wednesday, February 15, near St. George's.—Abram Hayden, auctioneer.

An Error.

After this week the TRANSCRIPT's publication day will be Saturday instead of Friday, as stated in our editorial columns today.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Y. W. C. T. U. Visit the Paupers at Farnhurst.

The New Castle Y. W. C. T. U. together with a few of their friends, in all numbering 32, paid a Christmas visit to the almshouse at Farnhurst on Monday afternoon. The party took the 1.20 train at New Castle and returning left the station at Farnhurst at 3.30. The walk through the crisp frosty air from the station to the buildings was one of the enjoyable features, the snow making the broad outlook doubley attractive. The party was conducted through the entire building by Mrs. Groves, the matron, and every kindness was shown the visitors, who saw for themselves the pleasure the fruit distributed brought to many sick and feeble. The children came in for a double share, receiving pop-corn and candy as well as fruit. The almshouse was beautifully kept, everything so bright and sunny and clean; the kitchen, washing and ironing and drying appliances were especially interesting. The building is heated by steam and comfortable in every department. The inmates had already been favored by a visit from the Wilmington Y.W. C. T. U., bringing candy to all, and a pretty work bag to each woman. They had also a bountiful Christmas dinner, more than 30 turkeys being consumed. At the request of an old man on crutches "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye," were sung, and many a bright smile and a "God Bless You," more than repaid the visitors, who felt the blessing of giving a very sweet one.

TRUSTEES MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting at the Almshouse.

The trustees of the poor met at Farnhurst on Wednesday last. All were present, as were also the members of the Levy Court and Commissioners William A. Scott and Henry A. White. Superintendent Groves entertained his guests in his usual good style with a sumptuous dinner, after which he escorted them through the buildings and around the grounds, where everything was found in excellent condition. In fact it is doubtful if there is another almshouse in the State that has reached such a high plane of excellence as has Farnhurst under Superintendent Groves' administration. The monthly report showed a total of 223 inmates of the almshouse classified as follows: Whites, 111 men, 64 women and 10 children; colored, 22 men, 15 women and one child; deaths during the month, 5; pay-roll for month, $398.34.

Local Necrology.

Miss Nellie Gray Sinnickson died at the residence of her brother in-law, Mr. Isaac Gibbs, near Sassafras, Md., on Thursday night, December 29th, in her 30th year. Her funeral will take place on Monday, January 2nd. Services will be held at the Sassafras M. P. Church, at 1 o'clock. Disease and death have repeatedly entered this family during the past few years, and of all the large circle there now remains but a few. Consumption is the blight that has swept away almost the entire family.

The death of little Mary Walcott, which occurred on Christmas Eve, of dyphtheria, brought sadness to many hearts and homes. She was the only daughter of Chancellor James Walcott of Dover, and the idol of her parents hearts. She was not five years old, a lovely child and a general favorite. Mr. and Mrs Walcott, who are both well-known throughout the State, have the deepest sympathy of their friends in their sad beravement.

For Moody and Sankey.

All religious, as well as moral and political reforms, require money to carry them on. At a meeting of prominent church workers of Wilmington, held in West Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, the sum of two thousand dollars was pledged to equip Evangelists Moody and Sankey for their work in that city next month. There are still other churches to be heard from, and the indications are there will be no lack of funds to carry on the great work.

A New Secretary.

Miss Lucille Martindale has been recently appointed secretary of the New Castle Gas and Water Company in place of William H. Clark, resigned. Last year, it is said, there were twelve applicants for this important office. The appointment of Miss Martindale, who had been the assistant for the past year and a half, is a very flattering reflection upon her efficiency.

Who Got Them?

By mistake some one took Mr. J. B. Maxwell's shoes from the dressing room at the Opera House last evening. If the party making the mistake will please return them, Mr. Maxwell will give them the shoes left in place of his.

The Bachelor of "Whappum."

Here goes a good New Year's resolution for a "Whappum Bachelor."

"Before another morn shall wax and wane,
I will squeeze the hand of Sarah Jane."

And let Sarah Jane resolve to hold still.

Good-Bye, Old Year!

Leap year is almost gone! There have been various leap year parties during the year, and doubtless the ladies have made the best use of their quadrennial opportunity. Does that account for the matrimonial epidemic that has recently struck us? Who can say?

Lost.

In the ball room, Thursday night, white silk handkerchief, with initial "L" in corner. Return to this office.

THE SILKEN TIE.

THE OLD YEAR SEES HALF A DOZEN WEDDINGS.

A Pretty, Quiet Wedding at the Hoffeckers' Home—Another Couple Joines Hands in North Carolina Other Ceremonies of the Week.

HOFFECKER-HOFFECKER.

The beautiful home of Mr. James Hoffecker, on South Broad street, was the scene of a very pretty quite wedding, when his daughter, Miss Clara Alberta, was married to Mr. George Simpson Hoffecker, formerly of Wilmington.

Only the members of the two families witnessed the ceremony which was impressively performed by Rev. N. M. Browne. The bride was very prettily and handsomely dressed in a traveling rose colored costume. After the ceremony and congratulations were over, the wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple started away on the 10.25 train, and after the bridal trip will reside in Patterson, N. J. Mrs. Hoffecker has a host of friends at her old home who join us in wishing her a long life of wedded bliss. We congratulate the young man who has won her for life companion and are glad to know that he is worthy of her.

MACDNALD-COTTON.

The M. E. church at the little town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, was beautifully trimmed with plants and vines, and literally packed with people from all the country side, on Thursday afternoon, December 22 to witness the marriage of Miss Emma Cotton, of Chester, Pa., to Mr. Lauchlin MacDonald, of the former place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. MacDonald a brother of the groom.

The sun never shown on a more winsome bride. The wedding gown was of a soft, gray color, of beautiful texture, made *en traine*, with veil and orange blosoms, and if she had not already won the hearts of the people during her visit to her brother who resides there, her gentle manner and sweet grace as a bride must have done so. She is well fitted to adorn society anywhere, and in her new role as a Southern planter's wife, her gifts and graces will add completeness to many other lives.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald have our hearty congratulations, and best wishes for a long life. It cannot be other than happy.

PRICE-GUNKLE.

Mr. John R. Price and Miss Jennie Gunkle were Married at the residence of the bride's parents at Warwick, Md., on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was witnessed by quite a large company of friends and relatives, after which an elegant repast was served. After receiving the congratulations and benedictions of their many friends the bridal party were driven to their country home near Warwick, where we hope they will spend many years of happy married life. The groom is the second son of Mr. William Price who is a resident of this town.

DODD-STANLEY.

Mr. Charles C. Dodd and Miss Ruth Stanley, both former residents of Middletown, were married at the District parsonage in Wilmington on Saturday last by Rev. E. L. Barrett. The young couple spent a part of their honeymoon with friends in town previous to their departure the last of the week, for their future home in Maybury, W. Va. May prosperity and much happiness attend them.

Family Parties.

Dinner parties and family re-unions were the order of Christmas Day, and our Middletown people did their share of keeping the day accordingly. The family party at Mr. Richard Cochran's on Green street, was attended by all available members. Mr. A. G. Cox observed the day, as is his custom, by dining his paster and family, with a few other friends.

Mrs. Catharine Merritt was happy in having all her sons and daughters at home for the Christmas dinner.

A large family party assembled in the spacious home of Mr. Willian Taylor, where mirth and song with peace and good will made a merry Christmas for all.

The house of Mr. William Houston was the scene of much merry making. Four generations were represented in the family party, and the great-grandmother and the great grand-daughter joined in the festivities and made the day memorable. These and many of a similar chracter are among the pleasant memories of the holiday season.

To the Public.

We take this opportunity of thanking you all for the very generous support you have given us during the past year. It is especially gratifying to us to know that you have so appreciated our efforts as to make for us the largest business we have had for many years. By honestly dealing in honest goods we have held our place in your estimation. We will use every honest effort to again increase our business during the coming year. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, we are

Yours Respectfully,
S. M. REYNOLDS & Co.

The New Fire Bell.

The new bell for the fire alarm arrived on Monday, and the firemen tested its tone as they marshalled it to the hose house.

A CREDITABLE PRODUCTION.

MIDDLETOWN'S AMETEURS ACQUIT THEMSELVES IN GLOWING STYLE.

Our Society Ladies and Gentlemen Lend Their Aid in Swelling the Hose Company's Treasury

The Opera House on Monday night was well filled with an appreciative audience to hear the comedy drama "Old Dave Hoskins," which was given for the benefit of the Volunteer Hose Company.

The cast of characters, with but two exceptions, was made up of local talent and was as follows:

Old Dave Hoskins . . . . . W. J. Jefferson.
Smudge Coffee . . . . . John De Coursey.
Joe Hoskins . . . . . J. B. Maxwell.
Geo. Blackburn . . . . . George Rose.
Steve Wainwright . . . . . Dr. H. L. Clayton.
Squire Wainwright . . . . . J. A. Suydam.
Mother Hoskins . . . Mrs. Eugenia Beasten.
Ethel Wainwright . . . . Mrs. W. P. Mifflin.
Cynthia Jane Johnson . . Miss Will Beasten.
Mull Hoskins . . . . . Miss Edna Frazier.

The play in itself had little to recommend it, but it was exceptionally well given. Those who took part proved their histrionic powers by rendering a third-rate play so acceptably as to win applause and approval. To undertake to review the plot would be an endless task.

The scene was laid alternately at the Hoskins home in Illinois, in the Union Army, and at Squire Wainwrights in Alabama. The time was during our civil war. Two of the leading parts were taken by Mr. W. D. Jefferson and Mr. John De Coursey, who, as actors were evidently scen at their best. Mr. J. B. Maxwell took the part of the young volunteer to perfection, and as a gallant commanding officer could not be excelled. Mr. George Rose, of Odessa, played the difficult role of a villain. Mr. Suydam, with Dr. H. L. Clayton and Mrs. W. P. Mifflin as his son and daughter, represented the family of the typical Southern gentleman, each one taking their part with a great deal of ease and naturalness.

Miss Eugenia Beasten made a very fine old lady, while Miss Will Beasten rivaled "Smudge Coffee" in ludicrous situations. The burden of her song "What Shall I Do for a Husband," soon won the sympathy of the audience and her every appearance was looked for with interest. Miss Edna Frazier was undoubtedly the star of the evening. Her ready adaptability, her never waning interest and enthusiasm, as well as her easy and pretty artifices in relation to her sweetheart, were pleasing indeed. She also proved herself a singer as well as a player and her rendering of the old Scotch ballad "We'd Better Bide A'wee" was full of tender pathos. Other prominent features of the play were the scenes in camp, the sounds of musketry, and the drilling of the troops.

The grand climax was the representation of the monument to the memory of the young soldier Joe Hoskins, in which Mr. Maxwell made as fine a marble statue as he formerly had a brave and fearless commander. The rendering throughout gave evidence of work and talent. The audience was specially gratified at the clear and distinct articulation of every speaker, and even those in the rear of the hall could hear every word, which is not often case even with professional speakers on our platform. The Hose Company realized $50.95 from the entertainment, and all are well pleased with their undertaking.

THE HONOR ROLL.

A List of Those Who Have Made the Goal.

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—George Gildersleve, Roy Jackson, Lucy Cochran, Maxwell.

DEPARTMENT No 2.—Maria Nowland, Edgar Clark.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Myrtle Geary, Bertha Roberts, Bessie Crouch, Walter Green, Jessie Culbertson, Sybilla Jones, Addie Johnson, Emma Burchard, Florence Kelley.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—George Moore, George Kelley, Charlie Talbot, Elwood Reed, Grover Talbot, Helen Smith, Lillian Reese, Ernest Johnson, Bessie Craddock, Ada Roberts, Bertha Geary, Mary Holten, Ethel Ginn, Mollie McGuire, John McGuire, Eva Whitlock, Nina Geary.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Lena Blome, Edith Allee, Joe Comegys, Jeanneatte Schreitz, Oscar Whitlock, Carrie West Julian Ford, Hester Argo, Annie Berkman, Ranny Geary, Davis Geary, Willie Echenhofer, Florence Adams, Minnie Adams, May Ennis, Annie Corrie, Ella Burchard.

Christmas Trees

There is the usual number of Christmas trees in town this year. The prettiest and most elaborate we have yet seen, is the one that made glad the hearts of Mr. Geo. Rowe's little folks. It is of fine size, reaching to the ceiling in height, and is laden with a glittering mass of gold, silver and variegated ornaments, and very attractive.

Lectures at Townsend.

Dr. George Neall, of Washington, D. C., began a series of lectures in the Townsend House hall on Thursday evening, on historic and prophetic Bible subjects. "Our Country" and "Sunday and the World's Fair" will be two of the lectures that will receive special attention.

Harvesting Ice.

The rumble of the ice wagons disturbs the morning nap of the late riser this week, but is music in the ear of the ice-cream man and other dealers in this necessary article which of late years has been so scarce. The ice is very good, about 6 inches thick and very clear.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

James Budd is visiting his parents in town.

Robert A. Comegys is home for the holidays.

Curtis Holten is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Mabelle Taylor is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Miss Fannie Sheppard returned to Philadelphia on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Derrickson is visiting her former home at Felton.

Miss Mary Benkert, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Clara Jones.

Miss Lida Lloyd is visiting friends in Camden and Salem, N. J.

Mrs. W. B. Tharp started last week for a visit to the Sunny South.

A. H. Reynolds of Elkton was the guest of friends in town this week.

Charles W. Jones of New York, is visiting his parents here this week.

Drs. Edward and Albert Pearson were visiting friends in town this week

Miss Bessie Murray spent a few days this week in town the guest of Miss Mabelle Taylor.

Miss Dora H. Price of the Westminister Seminary is at home for the holiday season.

Col. T. H. Mudge of Philadelphia, spent Christmas in town, the guest of Mr. Thomas Hurn.

A. E. Sanborn, Esq., and his mother of Wilmington, were the guests of friends in town this week.

Messrs. George and Lloyd Chamberlaine, of New York, visited their father Dr. G. G. Chamberlaine this week.

Mr. William Metten, formerly of the TRANSCRIPT, now of the Philadelphia Item, is visiting his parents near town.

Mr. Will Metten was acting as relief clerk for Edward Vaughan this week, the latter being confined to his room through illness.

Miss Beulah H. Bernhardt, of North Carolina, and Miss Blanche Wright of Warwick, were guests of Miss Ethel Parvis last week.

Mr. and Mrs Thos. Hurn, Miss Lidie Hurn and Miss Lue Cox spent the day on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, near Red Lion.

Miss Ada Lockwood is visiting Miss Blanche Griffiss near Baltimore, and will also spend a brief season in Washington, the guest of Gen. Henry Lockwood.

Mrs. M. A. Staats, formerly of Sassafras, moved to town recently and is residing in the house formerly occupied by Mr Isaac Davis, on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corson and two sons from Toronto, arrived in town on Wednesday, where they will spend some time visiting Mrs. Corson's sister, Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Mrs. Geo. Stephens and family from Atlanta, Ga., returned to Middletown this week, and will reside during the Winter on Crawford street, in the house vacated by Mr. Wm. Pindar.

Christmas Sports.

Moonlight nights, coasting and excellent skating! What more could the young people desire to complete a perfect Christmas tide. If rosy cheeks, dancing eyes and merry voices are an indication, the Middletown lads and lassies, great and small, are having a full share of these holiday sports. Silver Lake is the favored resort, and the scene of much merry making. Surely the "old time" Christmases, of which we hear so much, could not surpass this one. The man whose chief delight is to tell of "Christmas when I was a boy," has not appeared thus far in the season. He usually entertains us with accounts of the genuine Christmas weather of former days, when there were sleighing, ice etc., all in striking contrast to the warm, luxurious sort of weather we have had of late years at this season. There is a tonic in the crisp, clear air, and everybody is overflowing with life and health.

The "Transcript" to Move.

"Oh, for a lodge in some vast wilderness!" The sound of hammer and saw, falling plaster and crashing timber does not assist the flow of thought very materially, but to the contrary is rather distracting, and if our new quarters are not soon ready for us, we very much fear the service of a straight jacket will be required. An ordinary moving is an ordeal that tries men's souls, but that is nothing to having a house pulled down on your head, while your successor is eagerly scanning your every movement to find out when you will vacate in his favor. They say all things come to those that who wait, and with this to comfort us we are trying to be patient a little while longer till Capt. Pennington's corner is ready for us, for that is where we are going sure enough. It is something pleasant to look forward to in contrast of our present annoyances. But oh, that dreadful moving!

Heavy Holiday Mails.

Forty-eight bags and pouches of mail matter passed through the Middletown Post Office last Friday, the largest amount ever handled in this office in one day. Twenty-five bags were received and twenty-three sent out. It was the day the TRANSCRIPT was issued, that, together with the Christmas mail accounts for the enormity of it.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters at the post office, Middletown, Delaware, for the week ending Dec. 22, 1892. Miss Margaret Dredden, Al Signer Fillippo, Frances Green, Mrs. Mary Hall, Kate M. Kennedy, Patrick McGlennon, H. R. McCoy, Miss Emma J. Powell, Mrs. Delia Seaford, Mrs. Hanna Matters, Miss Edith Wadders.

THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

TRANSCRIPT PENCILINGS BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Interesting Incidents of the Happenings and Every Day Events Among Our Neighbors.

ODESSA.

Happy New Year.

Jno. Wiest is visiting in Philadelphia.

The young people are enjoying the skating this week.

Leonard A. Rhodes ate his Christmas dinner in Wilmington.

J C. Baker and sister spent Monday with their brother in Philadelphia.

Miss Susie Sawyer is to succeed Miss Emma Hall as teacher in the lower department of the school the first of the year.

Most of the people around here have taken advantage of the cold snap to fill their ice houses. Many of them say it is the best ice they have had for several years, it being five inches thick.

Some of the colored people who were celebrating Christmas, Monday, got a little too gay and indulged in a general fight, but our town officers, after some trouble, got them quieted, and Officer Johnson had some of them before 'Squire Rose, Wednesday, who fined them.

The steamer Clio has not arrived in town yet. She started from Philadelphia Friday, but did not get any further than Port Penn, because of the ice in the river. After unloading there she went in the canal at Delaware City, where she will remain until the cold weather is over.

Considerable excitement was caused Tuesday morning by the alarm of fire proceeding from the residence of Rev. R. A. Sawyer. A crowd of men and boys quickly collected and soon had the fire extinguished. Slight damage was done, but had it not have been for the prompt assistance, no doubt it would have been more serious as the flames were spreading rapidly. The fire originated in the study, and was caused by the little girl who pushed the sofa against the stove where it soon caught fire, spreading to the other furniture in the room.

Among the many visitors in town during the holidays were Harry D. Stevens, of Dover; Isaac Lightcap, of New Castle; George G. Townsend, Jr., of Delaware College; Howard Brooks, Harold Baker, and Herman Bessey, of Philadelphia; Robert W. Mowbray, of Cambridge, Md.; Miss Bessie Mote, of Newark, Del.; Wm. Rhien, of Bridgeton, N. J.; Chas. K. Gibson and Miss Lida Gilch, of State Normal School, West Chester, Pa.; Messrs. Frank and Richard and Miss Mollie Tucker, Mr. Lewis Walker, and family, and Mr. George Rhodes and family, of Chester, Pa. and Mr. James Johnson and wife of New York City.

The M. E. Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment and annual treat Wednesday evening. The school rendered some excellent music which with several recitations and solos made quite a pleasing programme. Rev. H. S. Thompson made an address to the school, after which he presented superintendent Joseph G. Brown with a handsome Oxford Teachers' Bible from the school. Mr. Brown responded with a short address, thanking them. Old Chris was about, but as he did not have the names of our scholars on his book and his toys being exhausted he was in quite a dilemma when Little Fairy Good Cheer appeared on the scene and wtih her magic wand converted the bricks in the chimney into boxes of candy which Old Chris gave to the scholars, and then refreshments were passed around, and quite a social time was had.

DELAWARE CITY.

Moon light nights and excellent skating!

Happy New Year. Thanks same to you!

Willie Jester is confined to bed with chills and fever.

Miss Laura Sadler is visiting her brother in Philadelphia.

Mr. Elvin Sheppard, spent several days in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Chalkley Phillips, of Elkton, Md., is at the Robinson House, visiting her son, Frank Phillips.

Chas. Jefferson has rented his wheel wright and blacksmith shops to parties from down the State.

E. A. Stout, of the Delaware City Hotel, stored in his ice house this week an excellent crop, five inches thick.

Mr. A. Colburn, of Philadelphia, was in town Wednesday looking to the interests of his large estate, situated here.

James Taylor, of Kennett Square, spent several days at the Robinson House this week visiting his nephew, Frank Phillips.

Conductor, G. W. Green, of the Peninsula Express, attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Peters, in Wilmington, on Thursday.

On Wednesday the children of the Episcopal Sunday school were entertained at the rectory by a generous treat, and a handsome Christmas tree.

Our town afforded many excellent and handsome Christmas trees, the most elaborate was prepared and displayed in his front parlor, by Evans Hemphill.

J. H. Crompton, of Porter,s Station, has lately improved his dwelling by a fresh coat of paint, new weather boarding and windows. The carpenter work was done by Mr. C. Ubil, of this town.

J. H. Roberts, has a large force of men, employed, producing a heavy stow of ice in his large houses, suitated on the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. The houses have a capacity of 35,000 tons, and will now, in all probability, be filled the first time for several years.

The steamer Clio, plying between Odessa and Philadelphia, was compelled to tie up here Friday evening last, on her homeward trip, knowing it to be impossible to get up the creek to Odessa. Mr. Parker was telephoned for, and he came here with his hack Sunday morning and conveyed the entire cargo overland.

A large stuffed and mounted fox, the victim of an exciting chase on Monday, 26 inst., will serve as an ornament in the parlors of H. P. Scott, of Lexington place, at Reybold's Station, several miles from here. This fox was captured on the Reybold property at Bombay Hook, a short time ago, carefully handled and shipped here to the "Dragoon Hunting Club," who had it well cared for at the Delaware City Hotel, until Monday morning, when the club left here with their prize, for Lexington, where the chase had been advertised to start from. When Reynard was liberated he took a northwesterly course, and shortly afterward the hounds were also liberated and took up the trail. Relentless the pace and hard the ride, until within a short distance of Lexington, where the fleet footed hounds overtook the fox.

ST. GEORGE'S.

A band of gypsies visited our town on Tuesday.

Ira Pierce, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Wm. Ford, of Mills Station, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Lizzie Riley is suffering very much with an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Clarence Barnett, of Jesters Corner, is spending a few dags in town.

Miss Mattie Richardson is entertaining Miss Walton, of Philadelphia.

Miss Joe Ogle, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her brother, James Taylor.

Wm. Riley, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents here on Monday.

George McMullen and family spent Christmas with Philadelphia relatives.

Harry P. Stewart, of the steamer Martha Stevens, is home on a month's vacation.

George G. Smith has been appointed delinquent tax collector of Red Lion Hundred.

The St. George's Ice Cutting Company are busy filling all the ice houses around the community.

J. W. Lattomus, principal of the public schools, is spending his vacation with relatives at Green Spring, Del.

J. W. Hopkins and family, of Wilmington, are being entertained at Bloomfield Place, the residence of Henry Jester.

Wm. Schultz and family are entertaining Miss Emma Heck, of Philadelphia, and Gustine Candidus of New York, during the holidays.

On account of the snow storm on Sunday morning the Ericcson boat en route for Philadelphia, did not reach here until seven o'clock A. M.

Messrs. Walter and Harry Poor, Wilmer Grey, W. K. Taylor and W. D. Paynter, all of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with their respective parents here.

The remaines of Annie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jamison, of Wilmington, formerly of this town, were intered in the St. George's cemetery on Monday.

The entertainment given by the M. E. Sunday school on Monday evening was a thoroughly enjoyable affair and each child taking part deserves much credit. A very handsomely trimmed tree stood in the front part of the church on the pulpit platform, while underneath were presents and the treat for the children. The programme consisted of speaking by the little ones and singing by the school and choir. The organist, Miss Mattie Richardson, deserves special commendation for her faithfulness in training the children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett, near Jester's Corner, gave a Christmas dinner on Sunday, which was very much enjoyed by all who participated. The host and hostess received some very handsome presents, among which were a pair of gold glasses for Mrs. B, and embroidered slippers for Mr. B. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett and Misses Mary and Clarence Barnett. Misses Martha Riley, Lillie Othoson, Ollie Paynter, and Messrs. C. M. Riley, G. G. Smith, H. T. Heisel and G. Othoson.

TOWNSEND.

Wm. H. Money, who has been confined to his home for several days, is out again.

Jacob Shaw injured several fingers on his right hand last Friday, while using a feed cutter.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Tuesday evening.

Our merchants are pleased with their sales preceding Christmas. They report an increase over last year.

Mr. Wilcox, the teacher of the second department, is spending the holidays with his parents at Georgetown.

The pupils of the public school wishing to show their appreciation of Prof. Roe, presented him a very nice lamp on Friday last.

Skating parties are an every day occurrence, and the young folks are happy. Some of the older ones are filling their ice houses.

A company of boys and girls wishing to add to the pleasure of Miss Emma Weldon's visit, spent Wednesday evening with her.

We are very sorry to hear of the severe illness of Mr. Abram Hayden, of Fieldsboro. He is said to be in a critical condition.

The K. G. E., held their annual election of officers on Wednesday of this week. They report their organization in flourishing condition.

Our cornetist, Benjamin Wells, went to Clayton on Monday evening to assist the M. E. Sunday school with the music for their Christmas tree entertainment.

The Rev. F. Fletcher being ill on Sunday, the morning services were conducted by Rev. Herman Roe. Rev. Mr. Camp, of New Jersey, preached in the evening. the choir rendered appropriate music.

The Christmas tide is a beautiful time for family gatherings, reunions, &c. Several families in this vicinity have taken advantage of it, and quite a number of our friends have come home for the holdays. Among them Prof. W. A. Hutchison, of Pennington Seminary; Prof. D. B. Jones, and family of New Castle; Adjt. General Hart, Miss Lillie Naudain and brother, Arch, and John Townsend, of Wilmington; Miss Emma Weldon, Joseph Hutchison, Miss Mamie Townsend, Miss Susie Wilson and brother John and Eugene Skeggs, of Philadelphia. "There is no place like another's home."

The M. E. Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment on Saturday evening. The church was well filled. The chief attraction was the tree, which presented a beautiful appearance. It was literally loaded with pink and white bags of candy, dolls and mysterious looking packages of all sizes. The exercises preceding the distribution of presents were heartily enjoyed especially the part taken by the little folks. Mary Money told in her merry way that she liked apples, candies, &c., but the fruit that grew on the Christmas tree was "bestest of all." Nellie Garton gave the story of the Christ Child in verse. Tinley Scott and Ethelwyn Maloney sang, "When We're Big and We Can Vote We'll Vote for Santa Claus." Hannah Wilson sang the "Beautiful Stranger." Allen Rose rendered his selection in fine style. Mr. Wm. H. Money presented the church with a nice pulpit hymnal. The superintendent was the recipient of a handsome silver napkin ring, a gift from the Sunday school teachers.

BLACKBIRD.

J. C. Gibbons, who has been quite sick is much improved.

We are sorry to hear of the severe sickness of Abram Hayden, of Fieldsboro.

R. B. Simpler has purchased the stock of dry goods and groceries of S. A. & W. Fortner.

Miss Mollie Beith and Miss Maggie McCall left for Philadelphia this morning to spend New Year.

Quarterly Conference was held here Wednesday afternoon, at the office of road commissioner. Presiding Elder Smith was with them.

CHURCH NOTES.

Revival services will begin in the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

Next week being the week of prayer services will be held in Forest Presbyterian Church every evening at 7 o'clock,

All the churches observed Christmas with appropriate sermons and music throughout the day. In the M. E. church, Rev. N. M. Browne preached in the morning on "Christ's Place in the History of the World," and in the evening on the "Visit of the Wise Men."

The Forest Presbyterian Sunday School at Armstrong's had a Christmas celebration this week. The chapel was decorated with evergreens and a beautiful tree loaded with gifts for the scholars was the centre of attraction. Those who had the affair in charge deserve much credit for their untiring efforts.

The Forest Presbyterian Sunday School gave a very pleasing Christmas entertainment in the auditorium of the church on Tuesday night. The programme entitled "Glory in the Highest" was well given, consisting of choruses, recitations and responsive readings. The music was all bright and spirited, led by Mr. J. C. Maxwell and assisted by the orchestra. Recitations by the little folks are always enjoyed, and especially were those given by Masters George Kelly and Grover Talbot, Miss Julia Kelley and Master Joe Comegys. After the programme, the beautiful Christmas tree was stripped of its bountiful fruitage and the children were made glad with bags of candy, oranges, etc. And many were the expressions of pleasure from the scholars.

The services in St. Anne's church commemorated the nativity of Christ. In the morning the rector, the Rev. J. Beers, preached from "A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel," and in the evening from "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." The church was prettily decorated with evergreens, and the choir rendered the music well with Dr. H. Clayton, at the organ in the morning and Mr. Alfred Chamberlaine in the evening. On Wednesday, Holy Innocent's Day, the Sunday School Christmas-tree festival was held in the chapel. The tree was adorned and lighted very attractively, and after hymns had been sung and an address by the rector the children received their gifts with which they returned home highly gratified. Next Sunday being New Year's day, the services will be suitable to the day. The public is cordially invited.

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THE OLD AND NEW.

The record of the year is almost closed. A memorable year! One that will go on the pages of history, marked for its notable events. And though we will not give a memoir of the dying year, a brief retrospect may not be unprofitable. The greatest event in European history during the past year was the cholera scourge which swept Russia and Germany, and also threatened America. Probably the greatest event in our own history was the Presidential campaign, and the seeming failure of the Republican party. Among other great events were the Columbian celebration which the school children of to-day will repeat with pride to generations yet unborn, and the war between capital and labor throughout the country, especially the tragic incidents of the Homestead strike. A review of the daily newspapers would have us think the whole year was crowded with crimes, murders, suicides, swindles, embezzlements, scandals, divorces and all the social and political evils which they so faithfully chronicle. But there is another side of the year's story, a better, truer side of life, and it does not require an expert to find the evidences of a broader, freer, nobler individual and national life in 1892 than the world has ever known. But looking forward is so much better than looking backward, so we turn from the gray old year of the dead past, and anticipate the dawning of the New Year, young 1893. The future is ever bright and full of hope, and the New Year comes laden with promises of success. There is no such thing as inexorable fate which decrees success for some and failure for others. The future has in store for each one all the good that we are able to get, and our failures are due to our own incapacity or inability to meet the emergencies of the hour.

The TRANSCRIPT under its present management is just three weeks older than the New Year. Both enter upon life full of promise, bright with hope and anticipation. The mystic, labyrinths of journalism lie before us as yet all untried, but with dauntless courage we have entered the lists on the side of truth and justice, and with "success" on our banner we aim to make every home we enter brighter, better and wiser. We shall have a place in our columns for agricultural interests, household affairs, young folks and school interests, besides the topics of the day, general and local, and shall aim to reach our own high ideal of a local family paper.

A happy New Year to our readers and patrons!

A SIGN OF PROSPERITY.

One of the sure signs of prosperity and the best evidence of the growth and success of the people of Middletown, is found in the reports that come to the TRANSCRIPT from our merchants on the character and extent of the holiday trade. All of them assure us that the holiday trade of the past few weeks was the most profitable, because the most extensive they have ever enjoyed. Scores of heavy buyers from out of town and all over the county have made the establishments of Middletown merchants headquarters for their Christmas purchases, and a steady stream of buyers poured into the town with fat pocket books to go out loaded with bundles from our stores. This success is undeniably the result of using the columns of the TRANSCRIPT to let the people know what they can expect. Not only have the merchants achieved it, but the TRANSCRIPT shared with them the results of judicious advertising.

While this is good cause for satisfaction to all of us there is every reason why it should be so. In no town of its size in the State can the people find more extensive business houses than those of Middletown. Many of them would do credit to far more pretentious towns, and the intending purchaser during the holiday season, or at any other time during the year, can find what he wants in the advertisements of the patrons of the TRANSCRIPT, and at prices that warrant the visits of our neighbors, and offers no justification to those of our own people who go elsewhere to buy what they can get at home.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF.

The present Levy Court, legislated out of office by a partisan legislature, will retire with the present year with a record of which it may be proud. They have given New Castle county an honest, capable and economical administration, always looking to the best interests of the people. St. George's Hundred reflects with pride upon the record of her representative, John W. Jolls. No man has been more careful and considerate of the interest of his constituents, and it will be a source of regret to every good citizen that he, by the mutation of politics, will no longer be a member of that body. And while he went down with his party in the fight, he has the consciousness of knowing that the people of his hundred stood by him and that nobly, for so far as we recall, he is the only Republican who ever carried St. George's hundred. The other Republican members—Richard E. Buckingham, Paul Gillis, James H. Clark, David P. Huthison and Robert B. Simpler—have all made admirable records as public officers, always being faithful to the trusts reposed in them.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HAVE you made your resolutions for the New Year?

WITH the first issue of the New Year the TRANSCRIPT will change its day of publication, and hereafter will make its weekly appearance on Friday afternoon.

FOR only the third time in the history of the White House its doors will be closed to the public on New Year's day, '93, and the American people will be deprived of their time-honored custom of paying their respects to the President on that day. The inmates of the White House are quarantined on account of the illness of little Martena Harrison, the President's granddaughter, who has the scarlet fever. She is a great favorite in the household, and her sickness adds fresh sorrow to the already stricken family.

THE custom of holiday treating to intoxicating beverages, though an old one, is none the less deplorable. Rioting and revelling, which are the usual results, are incongrious accompaniments to the joy and gladness of this happy season, and drunkenness is never more sad to behold than when the New Year resolutions are still ringing in the ear, since this giant evil is abroad on the land, and many think it ever will be, would God that men were strong enough to withstand its corrupting and vicious influence! Formerly the usage of polite society made wine a necessity at the New Year receptions, and though some still follow the old custom, it is now-a-days regarded as the relic of a darker age, and the lady who passes the wine glass to her New Year callers, though she may call it a harmless indulgence, is recklessly handling the serpent whose fang may enter her own soul.

THE annual report of the Postmaster General is full of interesting information in regard to our postal system, which is acknowledged to be as near perfect as any in the world. During the four years that John Wanamaker has been at the head of the Postoffice Department there have been greater developments in the system than during any prior term. In the past year alone there have been three kinds of postal cards introduced, a large and a small one, and one with a flap for a return message. The number of postoffices which deliver mail by carriers has been increased by one half, and though two cent postage is still required, the rates are only half their former charge for now it is two cents for an ounce letter whereas formerly it was two cents for a half-ounce letter. Mr. Wanamaker has not been content to run in the beaten track of his predecessors, but having large aggressive thoughts has been ambitious to make our postal system the best and most useful possible. His term of office will soon expire; whoever his successor may be, it will be a difficult task to find a man who will not suffer by contrast with the present efficient Postmaster General.

LITERARY.

The *St Nicholas* for January is full of bright pictures, pretty poems and charming stories. Every page has a facination all its own, and old and young will find pleasure in its contents. Colonel Higginson begins his series of Great American Cities with a fine sketch of Boston, the "Hub." Another fine article is entitled "Sea Fights of the Ancients." The serial stories beguiles one into longing for the next number; they are all very interesting. The number is a fitting beginning for the new year, and cannot fail to please and brighten every reader.

The January *Century* is equal to the best in entertaining and instructive reading. There are three papers relating to well known authors, Whittier, Christopher North and Halbot K. Browne, "An illustration of Dickens." There are also stories of adventure and travel, besides the continuation of several serial stories begun in former numbers. The editorial pages are full of timely and important matter, and the whole magazine is one that cannot fail to find a welcome wherever it goes. Every home is better by having the *Century* as a monthly visitor.

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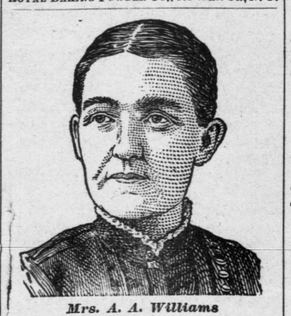

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approaches, many people, who have delayed their holiday shopping, are in a quandary regarding appropriate Christmas presents, and the short time at their disposal makes the work of selection all the more difficult. In order to make the task as easy as possible, we append a partial list of goods which would make useful and suitable gifts in any household, and which can be secured through our *Mail Order Department* upon request.

We advise prompt attention, as but few days remain before Christmas.

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a number of desirable Dress Patterns and have put them up in a very attractive manner in neat boxes. Among them are

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may be found substantial, dainty, tasteful and rich Christmas gifts at small cost.

IN HOUSEKEEPING LINENS AND TABLE AND PIANO COVERS

the assortment are by far the largest we have ever shown. All the newest styles and designs in

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are more popular than ever before and prices more moderate.

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We show comprehensive lines of GLOVES, SHIRTS, HOSIERY, SUSPENDERS, UMBRELLAS, NECKWEAR, SMOKING JACKETS, BATH ROBES and UNDERWEAR.

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MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE BUSINESS OF THE FIRM, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE A GREAT SACRIFICE OF THE GOODS.

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THE NEW CASHIER.

I Do not know by what accident or on what recommendation the manager of the Giralda brought a girl from Iowa to act as clerk and cashier in the restaurant.

The new cashier had lived in a town where there were differences in social standing, but no recognized distinction, after you had left out the sedimentary poverty-stricken class. She not only had no notions of the lines of social cleavage in a great apartment-house, but she had never heard of chaperonage, or those other indelicacies that go along with the high civilization of a metropolis. I have no doubt she was the best scholar in the arithmetic class in the village high school, and ten to one she was the champion at croquet. She took life with a zest unknown to us New Yorkers, and let the starchiest people in the house know that she was glad to see them when they returned after an absence, by going across the dining-room to shake hands with them and to inquire whether they had had a good time. Even the gentle frigid manner of Mrs. Drupe could not chill her friendliness; she was accustomed to accost that lady in the elevator, and demand, "How is Mr. Drupe?" whenever that gentleman chanced to be absent. It was not possible for her to imagine that Mrs. Drupe could be otherwise than grateful for any manifestion of a friendly interest in her husband.

To show any irritation was not Mrs. Drupe's way—that would have disturbed the stylish repose of her bearing even more than misplaced cordiality. She always returned the salutations of Miss Wakefield, but in a tone so neutral, cool, and cucumbrish, that she hoped the girl would feel rebuked and learn a little more diffidence, or at least learn that the Drupes did not care for her acquaintance. But the only result of such treatment was that Miss Wakefield would say to the clerk in the office: "Your Eastern people have such stiff ways that they make me homesick. But they don't mean any harm, I suppose."

Some of the families in the Giralda rather liked the new cashier: these were they who had children—the little children chatted and laughed with her across her desk when they came down as forerunners to give the order for the family dinner. If it were only lunch time, when few people were in the restaurant, they went behind the desk and embraced the cashier and had a romp with her. The smallest chaps she would take up in her arms while she pulled out the drawers to show them her paper knife and trinkets; and when there were flowers, she would often break off one apiece for even those least amiable little plagues that in an appartment house are the torment of their nurses and mammas the livelong day. This not only gave pleasure to the infantry, but relieved an aching which the poor girl had for a once cheerful home, now broken up by the death of her parents and the scattering abroad of brothers and sisters.

The young men in the house thought her "a jolly girl," since she would chat with them over her desk as freely as she would have chatted across the counter with the clerks in Cedar Falls, where she came from. She was equally cordial with the head-waiter, and those of his staff who knew any more English than was indispensible to the taking of an order. But her frank familiarity with young gentlemen, and friendly speech with servants, were offensive to some of the ladies They talked it over, and decided that Miss Wakefield was not a modest girl, that at least she did not know her place, and that the manager ought to dismiss her if he meant to maintain the tone of the house. The manager, poor fellow, had to hold his own place against the rivalry of the treasurer, and when such complaints were made to him what could he do? He stood out a while for Miss Wakefield, whom he liked, but when the influental Mrs. Drupe wrote to him that the cashier at the desk in the restaurant was not a well-behaved girl he knew that it was time to look out for another.

If the manager had forwarned her, she could have saved money enough to take her back to Iowa where she might dare to be friendly as she pleased with other humans without fear of reproach. But he was not such a fool as to let go of one cashier till he found another. It was while the manager was deciding which of three other young women to take that Mr. Drupe was stricken with apoplexy. He had finished eating his luncheon, which was served in the apartment, and had lighted a cigar, when he fell over. There were no children, and the Drupes kept no servant, but depended on the housekeeper to send them a maid when they required one, so that Mrs. Drupe found herself alone with her prostrate husband. The distracted wife did not know what to do; she took hold of the needle of the teleseme, but the words on the dial were confused: she quickly moved the needle round over the whole twenty-four points, but none of them suited the case. She stopped it at "porter," moved it to "bootblack," carried it around to "ice-water," and successively to "coupe," "laundress," and "messenger boy," and then gave up in dispair, and jerked open the door that led to the hall. Miss Wakefield had just come up to the next apartment to inquire after a little girl ill from a cold, and was returning toward the elevator when Mrs. Drupe's wild face was suddenly thrust forth upon her.

"Won't you call a boy—somebody? My husband is dying," were the words that greeted Miss Wakefield at the moment of the apparition of the despairing face.

Miss Wakefield rushed past Mrs. Drupe into the apartment, and turned the teleseme to the word "manager," and then pressed the button three times in quick succession. She knew that a call for the manager would suggest fire, robbery and sudden death, and that it would wake up the lethargic forces in the office. Then she turned to the form of the man lying prostrate on the floor, seized a pillow from the lounge, and motioned to Mrs. Drupe to raise his head while she laid it beneath.

"Who is your doctor?" she demanded.

"Dr. Morris; but it's a mile away," said the distracted woman. "Won't you send a boy in a coupe?"

"I'll go myself, the boys are so slow," said the cashier. "Shall I send you a neighboring doctor till Dr. Morris can get here?"

"Do, do," pleaded the wife, now wildly wringing her hands.

Miss Wakefield caught the elevator as it landed the manager on the floor, and she briefly told him what was the matter. Then she decended, and had the clerk order a coupe by telephone, and then herself sent Dr. Floyd from across the street, while she ran to the stable, leaped into the coupe before the horse was fairly hitched up, and drove for Dr. Morris.

Dr. Morris found Mrs Drupe already a widow when he arrived with the cashier. The latter promtly secured the addresses of Mr. Drupe's brother and of his business partner, again entered the coupe, and soon had the poor woman in the hands of her friends.

The energetic girl went to her room that night exhilarated by her own prompt and kind-hearted action. But the evil spirit that loves to mar our happiness had probably arranged it that on that very evening she received a note from the manager notifying her that her services would not be required after one more week. On inquiry the next day she learned that some of the ladies had complained of her behavior, and she vainly tried to remember what she had done that was capable of misconstruction. She also vainly tried to imagine how she was to live, or by what means she was to contrive to get back to those who knew her too well to suspect her of any evil. She was so much perplexed by the desperate state of her own affairs that she even neglected to attend Mr. Drupe's funeral, but she hoped that Mrs. Drupe would not take it unkindly.

It was with a heavy heart the manager called Miss Wakefield into his office on the ground floor in order that he might pay her her last week's wages. He was relieved that she seemed to accept her dismissal with cheerfulness.

"What are you going to do?" he asked timidly.

"Why, didn't you know?" she said. "I am to live with Mrs. Drupe as a companion, and to look after her affairs and collect her rents. I used to think she didn't like me. But it will be a good lesson to those ladies who found fault with me for nothing when they see how much Mrs. Drupe thinks of me."

And she went her way to her new home in Mrs. Drupe's apartment, at the end of the hall on the sixth floor, while the manager took from a pigeon-hole Mrs. Drupe's letter of complaint against the former cashier, and read it over carefully.

The thickness of the walls at the base of so lofty a building made it difficult for day light to work its way through the tunnel-like windows, so that in this office a gas-jet was necessary in the daytime. After a moments reflection, the manager touched Mrs. Drupe's letter of complaint to the flame, and it was presently reduced to everlasting illegibility. — *Edward Eggleston.*

SCISSORINGS.

She—Dudes haven't more than half sense.

Mr. Sappy—Aw, Miss Mawy, are there no exceptions?

"Oh, yes, Mr. Sappy; some haven't any."

"Handsome is that handsome does," and if Hood's Sarsaparilla doesn't do handsomely then nothing does. Have you ever tried it?

Rogers—What makes your nose so red, Mr. Reilly?

Reilly—It glows with pride, sir, at not putting itself in other people's business.—*Puck.*

"How divine a thing a woman may be made," when her cold is cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Mother. Can I go out to fish?"
No, No my little sonny.
You know you've got a swollen foot,
My precious little honey."

But they got a bottle of Salvation Oil, and he went and caught an eel, and ate it like a man.

Jinks—I wonder why they call Great Britain "a tight little island?"

Filkins—Did you never read their statistics of ale consumption?

"Around the world in 80 days" and found immense numbers of people suffering with catarrh. Said Saul's Catarrh Cure is the sovereign remedy for this ailment. Sold everywhere for 25 cts.

After vainly trying all the various remedies recommended for the troubles of teething, Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup gave marvelous relief, said our neighbor.

Bobson—Aren't you afraid to give such a highly painted toy to your child?

Skinflint—Oh, no! It's economy in the end. He'll suck all the paint off, and that'll make him so sick he won't want candy till the holidays are over.

Rev. Sylvanus Lane

of the Cincinnati M. E. Conference, makes a good point when he says: "We have for years used Hood's Sarsaparilla in our family of five, and find it fully equal to all that is claimed for it. Some people are greatly prejudiced against patent medicines, but how the patent can hurt a medicine and not a machine is a mystery of mysteries to me."

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Lancaster—My wife paid $25 for a new bonnet, I'm sorry to say.

Forrester—You're not half as sorry as I am.

"How's that?"

"Why, when my wife hears of it she will want one that costs more."

The popularity and fame of Salvation Oil, has extended year by year since its first introduction until its name has become as familiar as household words from Maine to California. The proprietors are in daily receipt of numerous, convincing testimony from thoroughly trust-worthy persons certifying to the marvelous cures of rheumatism and neuralgia wrought by this truly wonderful liniment. Each mail adds new wreaths to its laurels. Price 25 cts.

He—Woman, they name is frailty. She—If it wasn't she'd never consent to change it.—*Puck.*

The reputation of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the infallible remedy for all diseases of the throat and chest, has undergone no diminution in the past century. The strong hold which it has upon the confidence of the people is due not alone to its great success as a cough cure, but also to the fact that it has maintained a uniform standard of excellence since its origin.

It is the girl who says she doesn't believe in accepting presents from young men who is most likely to be popular this month.— *Washington Star.*

"What on earth got into the organist at Ethel's wedding? He played a funeral march as the bride and groom walked down the aisle."

"He was one of Ethel's list of rejected."

"Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers," was a line of alliterative nonsense, that the children used to say. Nowadays they can practice on the Perfect, Painless, Powerful Properties of Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. It will impress a fact which will be useful to know. These Pellets cure sick headache, bilious attacks, indigestion, constipation and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. They are tiny, sugar-coated pills, easy to take, and, as a laxative, one is sufficient for a dose. No more groans and gripes from the old drastic remedies! Pierce's Purgative Pellets are as painless as they are perfect in their effects.

"You can't have the old excuse of 'no snow' now," she whispered, after suggesting a sleigh ride.

"Well," he answered, "its pretty near the same thing—now it's 'no cash.'"

Mary (in theatre)—"Herbert, what shall we do? Uncle John is sitting with his hat on."

Herbert—"Oh, that's all right; every one will think that it is an election bet."

Miser—I never buy a return ticket when I go travelling?

Friend—Why not? It's a great deal cheaper.

Miser—Sometimes, perhaps; but if I should get killed in an accident before I used the return there would be just so much money wasted.

Asylum Attendant—This patient gets frantic at the sight of a woman.

Visitor—What was the cause of that?

Attendant—Well, you see, just before he was brought here he was a salesman in a large fancy goods store, and it was just before Christmas, and—

Visitor—Nuff said.

BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS.

The English actor, E. S. Willard, is to become a citizen of the United States.

The leading role in "A Cold Day" will be played by Miss Carrie Neilson, the soubrette.

Julia Marlowe and her manager, Fred Stinson, are considering an offer to play in London.

Henry E. Dixey contemplates a trip around the world under the management of Harry Askin.

Lewis Morrison thinks seriously of confining himself exclusively to "Richelieu" the coming season.

Stuart Robson has revived Buckstone's old comedy, "Married Life," and will produce it in New York next May.

Mme. Janauschek has had remarkable success this season as Lady Macbeth. Edmund Collier is the leading man of her company.

Edwin Milton Royle has sold the Austrian rights of his comedy drama, "Friends," to Streitman, the tenor, who will produce it in Vienna.

A. M. Palmer has engaged Miss Brooklyn to play the role of Mrs. Erlynne in "Lady Windermere's Fan," which will be produced in Boston in January.

"The New South," written by Clay M. Greene and Joseph R. Grismer, will be presented to a metropolitan audience for the first time on Jan. 2 at the Broadway theater, New York.

"Uriel Acosta" will be the next play to reach the United States by the way of London. It was popular in Germany two years ago. The scene is laid in Amsterdam in the seventeenth century.

CROWN AND SCEPTER.

The German emperor has a walking stick made of rhinoceros skin.

The emperor of Annam has 200 wives, but he keeps them in separate houses, each of which is surrounded by a high wall.

The shah of Persia on state occasions smokes a pipe which cost $320,000. It is set with rubies, diamonds and emeralds.

Queen Margherita of Italy has turned poetess. She objects to fame, however, and will not allow even her husband to read her poems.

Duke Carl Theodor of Bavaria, the brother of the empress of Austria, is one of the most hardworking and charitable men in the world.

Queen Victoria has a great number of hobbies. She has one rather remarkable. All her numerous grand and great-grandchildren have been baptized in the same little lace robe. Perhaps she made it herself.

Frederick the Great was an enthusiastic musician and a first rate flute player. It is said that sometimes after a victorious battle he would repair to his tent and amuse himself with his favorite instrument.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Steps are being taken to establish telephonic communication between Denmark and Sweden under the sound.

Switzerland has 101 telephone exchanges, 12,595 stations, 3,325 miles of line and limits each subscriber to 800 conversations in the course of the year.

Milan is to be supplied with electric lights by the utilization of the water power of the Villoresi canal at its fall at Tessin. It is estimated that 30,000 horse-power can be developed at this point.

Patti's castle at Craig-y-nos, Wales, is a veritable electric palace, being not only lighted by electricity, but having an electric fountain twenty feet in diameter and a searchlight on the castle tower which can be seen fifteen miles away.

Some idea may be gathered of the growth and extent of manufactures connected with electric lighting from Mr. Edison's estimate that no less than 65,000 incandescent lamps are manufactured every day at an average selling price of about seventy-five cents apiece.

INSTINCT IN ANIMALS.

The Influence Which Urges Birds to Change Their Home with the Seasons.

To the older philosophers instinct was a far more wonderful thing than it appears now. They asserted that all the actions of the lower animals were performed through instinct, and explained that they possessed this faculty in lieu of intelligence, which was the peculiar attribute of man. This was, however, soon exploded by the demonstration of the possession of intelligence among animals not of instinct by man. Indeed the later philosophers have come to believe that almost all the actions of man are influenced if not controlled by instinct alone.

The tendency to migration of certain species of animals is plainly referable to this hereditary influence. Originally, no doubt, migration occurred because food was more easily found in one locality than in another. The hereditary memory, so to speak, pointed out the place where more food was to be obtained with less exertion. Gradually other surroundings suggested themselves as agreeable to the embryo mind, and and these, repeated through many generations, created that unthinking tendency toward a particular place or climate regardless of its original fitness.

Almost all our ideas are gained from association, and it is fair to imagine that the constant and repeated association of a particular locality, with a pleasurable sensation—the satiation of hunger, for example—would soon identify the sensation with the place. Then would be evolved the sentiment of home, a sentiment which we feel only more keenly than the lower animals because it is associated not only with the place where there is something to eat, but because of other pleasurable sensations associated with it, as they are as constantly found in the same locality.

It is a mistake to regard the migratory instincts of animals as unerring. Every woodsman has observed how a particular species of bird will apparently desert a certain locality for another for one or more seasons. Occasionally this may result from choice, but it seems altogether more probable that it is from some mistake on the part of the birds themselves. Their generally accurate course has been deflected by some circumstance, and they have made their homes elsewhere. In the case of stragglers this is particularly marked. They rarely succeed in rejoining the main body to which they originally belonged, and are forced to be content with whatever suitable place may be found.

Migratory animals and birds are almost always gregarious—that is, they live and especially they travel in compact flocks or herds. They do this for one reason only—that the wisdom of a number is greater than that of any one. Any error in the route would be detected by one or another and thence communicated to the whole flock. Once in a while they are all mistaken, and then some incoming steamer serves as a point of rest for the tired little wings, or some hitherto unknown country becomes the new home of the home seekers.

But there is much that is very wonderful and awe inspiring in the instinct that guides them. If indeed it is merely the reflex of the memory of long departed ancestors—if the thoughts as well as the sins of the father descend to remote generations, what tendencies and inclinations are we transmitting to our children which may in later generations develop to good or evil? Are we steering a straight course, like the old gray goose?—Baltimore Sun.

Tidal Waves of Humanity.

The increase or decrease of population by natural or artificial causes and the distribution of mankind over different parts of the globe are the dominant factors of the history and condition of the human race. The rise and fall of nations and of empires, the progress or decline of civilization and the domination of man over the uncultivated parts of the earth are all due to the waves of population which are driven by various causes to new scenes of existence and new seats of power.

These tidal movements of humanity have occurred over and over again at many periods of the world's history, but with great irregularity. There have been times when the increase of population has been slow and its habits sedentary. There have been times when the whole human race seems to have been in motion, driven by some mysterious impulse to seek new lands to cultivate and new homes.—Edinburgh Review.

Another Function of Fishes' Ears.

Sharks have lately been affording contributions to science. The biologists have been vivisecting them for the purpose of finding out about the functions of the ear, which in fishes is made to some extent on the same pattern as in man. The fact has been known for some time that the ear is not merely an organ of hearing. It has to do with the sense of equilibrium. Light has been thrown on this matter by removing portions of the auditory apparatus of sharks, which are thus rendered unable to maintain their balance in the water. The part on which this faculty seems to depend is the "labyrinth," and the same effect is produced by cutting the nerves communicating with it.—Washington Cor. Boston Transcript.

A Costly Prayer Book.

Queen Elizabeth used to carry about with her suspended by a chain of pure gold, a book called "The Golden Manual of Prayer," a dainty volume of 80 pages, bound in "hammered virgin gold." One side of this costly volume gave a representation of "The Judgment of Solomon," the other the "Brazen Serpent on the Cross in the Desert." —St. Louis Republic.

Some gastronomic "don'ts" to remember are, don't cut lettuce or oysters, don't fry chops or steaks and don't eschew the woodcock's head.

The unpleasant effects of partaking too heavily of fried oysters are averted by a liberal use of lemon juice on the bivalves. It is really one of the "ounces of prevention."

FASHION'S MIRROR.

Bonnets remain small, with close sides and tiny old Dutch crowns.

Flame color and teal or apricot are beautifully blended in new shot silks for evening wear.

Immense empire bows, with buckles of sparkling Irish diamonds in the center, are set upon large round hats of fine French felt or velvet.

Among the novelties are mink, astrakhan and Persian lamb for Eton jackets, open in front and sleeveless, to be worn over cloth and velvet dresses.

Attempts are made to popularize dress skirts gathered or plaited around the waist, but the majority are still very close fitting at the top, but spread more and more toward the bottom.

Rather elaborate braidwork in soutache upon the revers, cuffs and collar is noticed upon many ulsters in plain Devonshire cloth and Irish melton. Some of these fasten diagonally by way of variety and are open to the waist in the back.

A stylish model for a winter cloak is made of a beautiful shade of blue German broadcloth. The wrap is long and in close redingote shape, with Carrick shoulder capes, edged with a very narrow roll of beaver fur. This wrap has a rich effect, but is by no means an expensive one.

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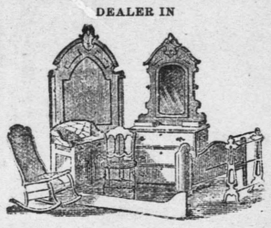

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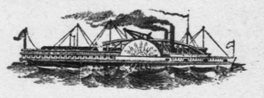

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There was a world beyond the sea,
He little thought what years would do
For his great discovery,
The savage then did prowl the woods,
Striving by foul or fair,
With tomahawk and scalping knife
To lift the white man's hair;
Lucky was he who on his head
Allowed no hair to grow;
Bald-heads were at a premium
Four hundred years ago.
No locomotives then were known,
Revolvers, gas or coal;
No Traction then did own the street
Or erect their Trolley pole.
No "Tower Hall" clothed their fellow-men
As they now do—right low,
Those were the times that tried men's clothes,
Four hundred years ago.
All "Market street" where "Tower Hall"
Points out the poet's Stand"
Was then a howling wilderness
Of marshy, swampy land;
Well for us all those times have not
"Remained in statu quo."
"A stylish suit" had nev'r been seen
Four hundred years ago.
Perhaps four hundred years from hence
Great lecturers by scores
May give their hearers an account
Of "Tower Hall's" Clothing Stores.
Then sadly will they say these words,
In solemn tones but slow,
"Ah! Tower Hall" undersold them all
Four hundred years ago.
Our beautiful Clothing for Men's Boys' and Children's wear seems to be the most popular in the market. Being cash buyers, we are able to undersell all competitors. Our stock is immense in variety; all can be suited in whatever goods or sizes required
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THE LARGEST VARIETY OF
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Everything used in store decorations will be priced and detailed later on at very low prices.
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